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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102  
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A RESOLUTION to celebrate the many contributions of Alcoa Inc.  
to the state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa Inc. is one such estimable institution; during the past century, the people of Tennessee and of Alcoa Inc. have been mutually beneficial to one another and have seen their histories become closely intertwined; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1900s, Alcoa first located its Tennessee Operations in this state to capitalize on the vast energy potential of the Tennessee River watershed; since that time, Alcoa Inc. has forged a century's history of industry, progress, and community responsibility in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa's oldest Tennessee branch, Tennessee Operations, has grown into one of the nation's largest aluminum manufacturers; around the world, people have benefited

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from the products of the labor of the 1,800 Tennesseans who are employed in Tennessee Operations' Blount County facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Alcoa Inc. took notice of the high quality of its relationship with Tennessee and broadened its operations in this state; at that time, the global headquarters of Alcoa Rigid Packaging and the national headquarters of Alcoa Primary Metals took up residence in the Riverview Tower in downtown Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, these two operations now employ two hundred additional Tennesseans who manage operations that account for approximately six billion dollars of Alcoa's total annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa Rigid Packaging's Tennessee headquarters oversees operations that are located on four continents; Rigid Packaging produces aluminum sheet products that are used to provide containers for much of the world's food and beverage supply; a division of Rigid Packaging, Alcoa Recycling Company, ensures that the vast majority of beverage containers sold are recycled into new cans, saving precious raw materials and energy and reinforcing Alcoa Inc.'s reputation as a good neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa Primary Metals has also flourished under oversight from the Knoxville base of operations; the unit's domestic network of plants produces nearly two million metric tons per year of aluminum; that production is key to the foundation of Alcoa's entire company, as those materials are used by other Alcoa fabricating facilities and external customers to produce a variety of aluminum products; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's original attraction for Alcoa Inc. was the state's immense natural resources, but the company has remained and thrived because of another resource; according to Alcoa corporate vice president Mike Coleman, "the most important resource that this region provided was – and continues to be – its people"; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Alcoa Inc. credits the work ethic, drive for success, and undying commitment to community of the Tennessee workforce for much of the company's

success over the last century; in return, the company and its employees have given much to the Tennessee community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing employment and advertising the resources of Tennessee as the company that has become known around the world, Alcoa has supported the East Tennessee community through multiple Alcoa Foundation grants, seasonal service projects, and employee charitable giving; many of the employees of Alcoa Inc., with the company's full support and encouragement, choose to serve their chosen home state through active participation in such outreaches as Habitat for Humanity and annual volunteer day projects, displaying the laudable spirit of generosity that has earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, in a century of involvement in the Tennessee community, Alcoa Inc. has established itself as a vital component of our state and has played a vital role in the development of the high quality of life that is enjoyed by the people of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the good people of Alcoa Inc. for the admirable quality of that institution, thank them for their service to Tennessee, and wish them success as the company and this state move into a new century of reciprocal beneficence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.